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To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

N.-W. PROVINCES AND OUDH, JUDICIAL (CIVIL) DEPT.

Dated Lucknow, the 8th August, 1887.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit a report, together with the prescribed returns, relating to the Administration of Civil Justice in Oudh during the year ending the 31st December, 1886. The original reports of Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, District Judges, and Judges of Small Cause Courts are also submitted herewith. The report, though 2½ months after prescribed date, is much earlier than last year, and its submission at this comparatively early date has not been effected without severe strain upon my office, which still lacks the statistical compiler applied for by my predecessor and again by myself. *Vide* last year's report and Annual Criminal Report for 1887.

Income and expenditure. Provincial Returns G. and H.

2. The amount of net stamp fees realized by Civil Courts during 1886 was Rs. 4,56,419, being very nearly Rs. 33,000 in excess of the realizations during 1885. Details for each year are given below :—

Judgeship.	1885. Rs.	1886. Rs.	*Difference.* Rs.
Lucknow	1,24,182	1,39,590	+15,408
Sitapur	80,425	79,238	—1,187
Fyzabad	1,08,190	1,06,920	—1,270
Rae Bareli	71,058	89,808	+18,750
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	39,614	40,863	+1,249

3. The net surplus that remained after the defrayal of all charges during the year under report amounted to Rs. 1,22,813, being Rs. 42,268 in excess of the surplus for 1885. If a fair share of the expenditure incurred on account of my court, *viz.*, one-third of the total expenditure,—two-thirds being fairly debitable to Rent and Criminal Justice,—were shown as charges against Civil Justice, then the net surplus for 1886 would be Rs. 1,66,511.

The income and expenditure of all Civil Courts during 1885 and 1886 were as follow :—

Income.	1885. Rs.	1886. Rs.	*Difference.* Rs.
Net value of stamps	4,23,469	4,56,419	
Duty and penalty on instruments ...	3,112	3,718	
Fines	300	191	
Process fees	81,075	89,421	
Judicial Record Fund	35,349	36,025	
Total ...	5,43,305	5,85,774	+42,469

Expenditure.		1885.	1886.	*Difference.*
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Salaries of officers and establishment	...	3,91,510	3,85,492	
Process serving establishment ...	...	53,319	59,128	
Judicial record fund	...	17,931	18,341	
Total	...	4,62,760	4,62,961	+ 201
Surplus	...	80,545	1,22,813	+42,268

ORDINARY CIVIL COURTS.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII. Suits instituted (Ordinary Civil Courts *i.e.*, exclusive of Small Cause and Rent Courts).

4. During the year 1886 the number of suits instituted in Ordinary Civil Courts, exclusive of those instituted in Small Cause Courts, aggregated 37,487, being 2,181 in excess of the figures for 1885, in which year 35,306 suits were instituted in courts other than Small Cause Courts. There was a slight increase in the number of institutions in each of the Lucknow and Sitapur Judgeships, but the bulk of the increase of institutions during the year under report, as compared with the previous year, was equally divided between the Fyzabad and Rae Bareli Judgeships. The Fyzabad Judge writes regarding the increased number of institutions :—" The formidable addition of 33 per cent. in the " cases instituted in Munsifs' Courts is in a great measure owing to the appointment " of an additional Munsif at Gonda." This official was appointed in 1884 for the purpose of clearing off heavy arrears that had accumulated at Gonda, and it would seem from our present experience that many wrongs had hitherto been left unredressed owing to the difficulty experienced by suitors in getting speedy justice.

The necessity for the additional Munsif at Gonda is thus fully demonstrated.

In the Rae Bareli Judgeship the increase of institutions has been common to all classes of courts except those of Honorary Assistant Commissioners which show a falling off of 5 per cent.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VIII. Value of subject-matter of suits (Ordinary Civil Courts).

5. The value of the subject-matter of ordinary civil suits rose from Rs. 54,59,920 in 1885 to Rs. 63,21,072 in 1886; the increase being Rs. 8,61,152. The Rae Bareli Judgeship shows an increase as compared with 1885 of Rs. 6,25,398; Sitapur Judgeship an increase of Rs. 2,61,169; Fyzabad Judgeship an increase of Rs. 1,29,585, but Lucknow Judgeship a *decrease* of Rs. 1,55,000, as compared with the figures for 1885.

The average value of each ordinary civil suit during 1886 was Rs. 168-9-11 as against Rs. 154-10-0 in 1885.

Description of suits (Ordinary Civil Courts).

6. The following comparative statement gives the fluctuations in the number of the more numerous kinds of suits instituted in ordinary civil courts during the years 1885 and 1886 :—

			1885.	1886.	*Difference.*
Contract in writing	...	...	10,840	11,633	+793
,, not in writing	...	...	6,210	6,684	+474
On account stated	...	...	2,199	2,255	+ 56
Money had and received	...	...	663	1,647	+984
Goods sold ...	...	...	1,463	1,923	+460
Rent, not falling under the Rent Law		...	211	546	+335
Moveable property	...	...	2,964	2,178	—786
Damages ...	...	...	1,546	1,683	+137
Other suits for money, &c.	...	...	786	1,294	+508
Suits for declaratory decree ...		...	189	262	+ 73
For enforcement of matrimonial rights		...	301	387	+ 86
Immoveable property	...	...	5,629	5,821	+192

There has been a steady decrease in the institution of suits under "moveable property" since 1884 in which year 3,178 such suits were filed. Mr. Dyson, Judge of Fyzabad, is disposed to think the difference arises from a difference of classification. I have asked the Judges of other districts also to report on the matter.

Courts in which suits were instituted.

7. The following statement shows a falling off in the number of suits filed in the Courts of Honorary Assistant Commissioners :—

	1884.	1885.	1886.
Honorary Assistant Commissioners ...	3,767	3,432	3,104
Sub-Judges and Munsifs	32,345	31,791	34,312
District Judges	80	83	71

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX, PART I. Mode of disposal (Ordinary Civil Courts).

8. The Ordinary Civil Courts disposed of 37,562 suits during 1886, being 1,285 suits in excess of the number disposed of in the previous year. The number of suits pending at the close of 1886 was 5,848 as against 4,556 pending at the commencement of the year. The percentage of suits pending at the close of 1886, calculated on the number of suits that came before the Courts during the year, is 13·4. The increase in the pending file is due to the increased number of institutions during the year under report as compared with the previous year.

The following statement shows how suits were disposed of in 1885 and 1886 :—

Disposed of without trial.	1885.	1886.	*Difference.*
Plaints rejected or returned	717	726	+9
Dismissed for default	6,413	6,522	+109
Withdrawn with leave	1,472	1,292	—180
Disposed of without contest.			
Compromised	4,162	5,052	+890
Decreed on confession	4,055	4,158	+103
" *ex parte*	3,625	3,805	+180
Dismissed "	724	735	+11
Disposed of with contest.			
Judgment for plaintiff	9,226	9,679	+453
" defendant	5,335	5,197	—138
On reference to arbitration.			
For plaintiff	393	276	—117
" defendant	155	120	—35
Pending ...	4,556	5,848	+1,292

Out of the number of cases instituted during 1886, in the ordinary civil courts, 17 per cent. (as in the previous year), were dismissed for default. The District Judge of Lucknow writes regarding dismissals for default and *ex parte* :—"It appears that "people at first bring suits either in a fit of anger, or with a view to threaten their "debtors, and when their anger is appeased, or their debtors submit to their condi-"tions, they settle their cases amicably out of court."

"I examined a number of records and satisfied myself that cases were as a rule "tried on the date fixed, and that cases were not struck off in default after being "only called on once, * * * few applications for revision were filed."

Each of the other Judges Colonel Marett, Sitapur, Mr. Dyson, Fyzabad, Maulvi Sami-ullah Khan, Bareli, have made enquiries on this point, and have come to a similar conclusion to that arrived at by the District Judge of Lucknow.

As in 1885 so in the year under report the heaviest pending files in Munsifs' Courts were at Bahraich, Gonda, and Sultanpur. The Sub-Judge of Partabgarh had the heaviest pending file at the close of 1886, and there were heavy pending files in the Courts of the Sub-Judges at Bahraich and Kheri.

Distribution of work (Ordinary Civil Courts).

9. The number of suits *disposed of* by each class of courts during the years 1885 and 1886, is given below :—

	1885.		1886.	
	Number of suits disposed of.	*Percentage on total number disposed of.*	*Number of suits disposed of.*	*Percentage on total number disposed of.*
Honorary Assistant Commissioners ...	3,490	9·62	3,133	8·3
Munsifs	26,241	72·33	27,486	73·1
Sub-Judges	6 462	17 81	6,871	18·2
District Judges	84	·23	72	0·19

The District Judge of Lucknow disposed of 27 original suits, and the other District Judges disposed of on an average 15 such suits each.

Duration of suits (Ordinary Civil Courts).

10. The provincial average duration of contested suits was 74·22 days being an increase of 18·46 days as compared with the average for 1885 which was 55·76 days. The average duration of uncontested suits was 30·23 days in 1886 as against 36·64 days in 1885.

The average duration of suits during 1885 and 1886 in each class of courts was as follows :—

	Contested. Days.		*Uncontested.* Days.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Honorary Assistant Commissioners ...	42·46	62·58	32·25	38·71
Munsifs	58·73	67·06	32 31	29·20
Sub-Judges	46·78	98·64	40 81	29 16
District Judges	170 0	200 69	53 82	88 57

Adjournments (Ordinary Civil Courts).

11. The highest number of adjournments in a decided case was in the court of the Munsif of Kunda, Partabgarh district (38). The number of adjournments was very high in certain cases in the courts of the Munsifs of Unao (28), Rae Bareli (26), Shahabad, (25), and Gonda (21). In the Shahabad case the adjournments were due to the difficulty experienced in serving a notice under section 30, Civil Procedure Code, on the plaintiff who was at Hyderabad. As regards the other cases an explanation as to the cause of so many adjournments has been called for.

The greatest number of adjournments in a decided case in the Courts of Sub-Judges was 21 in the Lucknow Sub-Judge's Court.

Imperial Return No. IX, Part 2. Miscellaneous cases (Ordinary Civil Courts).

12. During 1886 ordinary civil courts disposed of 6,081 miscellaneous cases, being 341 below the number disposed of during 1885. Out of 3,779 contested cases 2,291 were decided in favour of plaintiff and 1,488 in favour of defendant; 1,324 were struck off without trial; 322 cases were compromised; 218 were decreed on confession; 379 were decreed or dismissed *ex parte;* and one case was referred to arbitration. The average duration of contested cases was 51·10 days and of uncontested cases 28·15 days.

Imperial Return. No. X, Part 1. Appeals from decrees (Ordinary Civil Courts).

13. During the year under report 3,549 appeals were presented to District and Subordinate Judges, being 65 less than the figures of the previous year. The number of appeals that were before the Courts, and the mode of disposal during the years 1885 and 1886 are shown in the following comparative statement :—

			Percentage on total number for hearing.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Total number of appeals for hearing ...	4,551	4,222		
Rejected	172	155	3·86	3·67
Transferred	...	...	...	...
Dismissed for default	127	105	2·85	2 48

	1885.	1886.	Percentage on total number for hearing. 1885.	1886.
Heard ex parte.				
Confirmed	12	15		
Modified	2	3		
Reversed	6	5	0 60	0 63
Remanded	7	4		
Contested.				
Confirmed	2,362	1,991	53·06	47·15
Modified	256	275	5 75	6 51
Reversed	564	549	12·67	13·00
Remanded	295	235	9 62	5·56
Pending ...	648	885	14·55	20·96

There were 335 appeals pending at the close of 1886 in the Rae Bareli Judgeship; 334 in the Fyzabad, 109 in the Sitapur, and 107 appeals pending in the Lucknow Judgeship. Out of the 885 pending appeals 86 were pending in the courts of Sub-Judges as against 79 pending at the close of 1885.

14. During 1886 the provincial average duration of appeals was 60·37 days as against 64·28 days in 1885. In the District Judges' Courts the lowest average duration was 29·95 days at Sitapur and the highest average duration was 79 47 days at Fyzabad. The lowest average duration in Sub-Judges' Courts was 29·37 days at Fyzabad and the highest 60 87 days at Gonda.

15. Only 27 appeals, the same number as in 1885, were heard *ex parte* during 1886. The percentage of appeals remanded under section 562, Civil Procedure Code. fell to 5·56 during 1886 from 9·62 in 1885.

Appeals to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner.

16. In consequence of the heavy arrears in my Court having to a great extent been disposed of during 1885, by the Additional Judicial Commissioner, only 566 first and second civil appeals were before my Court in 1886, as against 959 in 1885. The following comparative statement shows the figures for each year, 1885 and 1886 :—

	1885.	1886.	Percentage on total for disposal. 1885.	1886.
Rejected	68	61	10·53	12·36
Dismissed for default	33	9		
Heard ex parte.				
Confirmed	7	1		
Modified	...	...	0·93	0·17
Reversed	2	...		
Remanded	...	...		
Contested.				
Confirmed	521	180	54·32	31·80
Modified	31	19	3·23	3 35
Reversed	208	76	21 68	13 42
Remanded	19	3	1·98	0 53
Pending ...	70	217	7·29	38 33

The average duration during 1886 of first civil appeals was only 143·8 days, and of second civil appeals only 61·4 days, as against 258·7 days and 254·1 days respectively, in 1885.

Imperial Return No. X Part 2

Court of Judicial Commissioner.

17. In addition to the appeals referred to in the preceding paragraph 91 miscellaneous appeals came before the Judicial Commissioner, of which 50 were disposed of during the year under report. Applications for revision under section 622, Civil Procedure Code, numbered 175, and of these 75 were rejected or dismissed; 43 decrees were confirmed, 1 was modified, 9 were reversed, 3 cases were remanded,

and 44 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The average duration of such applications was only 41 days in 1886 as against 161 days in 1885.

The average duration of appeals in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner during 1885 and 1886 is shown below : –

	1885. Days.	1886. Days.
Appeals from original decrees	258·7	143 8
" " appellate decrees	254·1	61·4
Miscellaneous appeals from orders of original Courts ...	187 5	59 2
" " " " appellate Courts ...	114·1	60·1

Courts of District and Subordinate Judges.

18 During the year under report District Judges disposed of 244 miscellaneous appeals, and Sub-Judges disposed of 21 such appeals, as against 324 and 33 respectively in the previous year. Of the 265 appeals disposed of 99 were rejected or dismissed ; orders were confirmed in 68, modified in 7, and reversed in 55. In 26 cases the orders were remanded under section 562, Civil Procedure Code, and 31 appeals remained pending at the close of the year 1886 as against 32 in 1885. The average duration was 36·07 days as against 36·49 days in 1885.

Imperial Return No. XI. Execution of decrees (Ordinary Civil Courts).

19. The number of applications for execution of decree that came before ordinary civil courts in 1886 aggregated 24,669 being 543 more than during 1885, the correct figures for which year were 24,126. The following statement shows how such applications were disposed of in each of the years :—

	1885.	1886.	Percentage to total number of applications. 1885.	1886.
By transfer	...	...	...	...
Satisfied in full...	9,408	9 269	38 99	37 57
" " part	3,434	3,239	14 23	13 12
Wholly infructuous	8,313	8,729	34·44	35 38
Pending ...	2,971	3,432	12·31	13 91

Realizations in full were somewhat fewer than during 1885.

Imperial Return No. XII (Ordinary Civil Courts) Insolvency.

20. There were 42 applications for declaration of insolvency before the Courts during 1886 as against 47 in 1885. Out of the 42 applications 10 were granted four were transferred, withdrawn, &c., 20 were rejected, and eight remained pending at the close of the year.

Provincial Return No. XV. Witness statement.

21. Civil Courts, exclusive of Small Cause Courts proper, examined 47,152 witnesses during 1886, and as in the previous year, more than 97 per cent. of the witnesses were discharged on the day they attended. In 1885 the number of witnesses examined aggregated 52,646.

Provincial Return No. XVI. Process fees.

22. During 1886 the receipts in Civil Courts, other than Small Cause Courts proper, amounted to Rs. 81,051 and the surplus to Rs. 21,197. In 1885 the receipts were Rs. 78,165 and the surplus Rs. 20,331.

Provincial Return No. XVIII. Sale Commission Fund.

23. The receipts on account of sale commission in Civil Courts, other than Small Cause Courts proper, amounted to Rs. 6,917 during 1886, and there was a surplus of Rs. 5,049, of which Rs. 1,262 were payable to názirs. In 1885 the receipts were Rs. 5,605, the surplus Rs. 3,875, and Rs. 969 were payable as commission to názirs.

Records.

24. *Lucknow.*—In the records of the Courts of District Judge, Sub-Judge, and two Munsifs, 10,141 B. files were weeded, and 24,065 applications for copies were selected for destruction. This was good work.

Unao.—B files to the number of 4,568 were weeded and lists of 4,830 files were prepared.

Bara Banki.—The establishment weeded 6,130 B files, and filed with the original cases 3,866 execution of decree files.

Sitapur.—In the Sitapur Courts 3,988 A files and 6,616 B files were weeded.

Hardoi.—Very good work was done by the establishment at Hardoi as 5,012 A files and 7678 B files were weeded.

Kheri.—The establishment weeded 7,637 B files, and the records are in a satisfactory state.

Fyzabad.—The establishment worked well as 4,000 A files and 9,929 B files were weeded.

Bahraich.—Only 3,241 B files were weeded which is not enough. The District Judge's attention has been invited to the point.

Gonda.—Very good work was done at Gonda as 2,478 A files and 11,900 B files were weeded.

Rae Bareli —The establishment worked very well indeed at Rae Bareli as 3,582 A files and 10,414 B files were weeded.

Sultanpur.—The work done at Sultanpur was the weeding of 6,343 A files and 967 B files.

Partabgarh.—Here work done was fair, as 8,008 B files were weeded.

25. It is important that the weeding of files be kept up to date, otherwise record-rooms become over-crowded, and Government is put to much expense in providing increased accommodation, which would not be required if orders on the subject of weeding files were promptly carried out.

SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

IMPERIAL RETURN No VII. Suits instituted (Small Cause Courts).

26. The number of suits instituted during 1886 in the Courts of Munsifs and Subordinate Judges, exercising Small Cause Court powers, and in Small Cause Courts proper, aggregated 18,081, being 1,186 in excess of the number of suits instituted in 1,885. The increase was in the Courts of Munsifs and Sub-Judges, institutions in the Small Cause Court, Lucknow City, having decreased by 275, and in the Fyzabad Cantonment Small Cause Court by 10, as compared with the figures for 1885. In the Lucknow Cantonment Small Cause Court the number of suits increased by 16.

The following classes of suits show a noticeable increase in the number of institutions as compared with the figures for 1885:—

Contract in writing	+ 677
Contract not in writing	+ 1,020
Rent not falling under Rent Act	+ 434
Other suits for money or moveables	+ 251

and the most noticeable decrease was under "moveable property or value thereof," 955, and "wages, work, and materials," 119.

IMPERIAL RETURN No VIII. Value of suits instituted (Small Cause Courts).

27. During the year under report the value of the subject-matter of suits instituted in Small Cause Courts amounted to Rs. 4,90,270, being Rs. 8,262 less than in 1885. The Lucknow City Small Cause Court shows a decrease of Rs. 34,099 in total value of suits instituted during 1886 as compared with the figures for 1885. This is owing mainly to the very small value of many suits.

In the Courts of Munsifs and Sub-Judges on the Small Cause Court side, the value of suits rose from Rs. 3,01,362 in 1885 to Rs. 3,27,770 in 1886.

The average value per suit instituted in all classes of Small Cause Courts has fallen from Rs. 29-8-0 in 1885 to Rs. 27-1-0 in 1886, and the percentage of suits valued at more than Rs. 50, was 10 4 in 1886 as against 12·8 in 1885.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX, PART 1. Mode of disposal (Small Cause Courts).

28. Although the number of suits for disposal before all classes of Small Cause Courts during 1886 rose to 19,197, being 2,550 in excess of the figures for 1885, the number remaining pending at the close of 1886, was only 806, being 4·1 per cent. of the total number before the courts, as against 1,305 or 7·3 per cent. at the close of 1885. The percentage of suits disposed of without trial was 17·2 in 1886 as against 14·5 in 1885. The percentages of the other modes of disposal during both years did not vary in any case by more than a decimal fraction.

Average duration (Small Cause Courts).

29. The average duration of uncontested suits rose from 27·41 days in 1885 to 28·14 days in 1886, and of contested suits the average fell from 32·27 days in 1885 to 30·54 days in 1886.

The highest averages were in the courts of the Sub-Judge of Gonda, *viz.*, uncontested suits 160·30 days and contested suits 185·72 days' duration.

The work is excessively heavy at Gonda, and in fact the Sub-Judge is overworked.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX, PART 2. (Small Cause Courts.)

30. The Small Cause Courts had before them for disposal during the year under report 921 miscellaneous cases, being 100 cases more than in the previous year. Out of these 921 cases 500 or 54·2 per cent. were contested, 285 being decided in favour of plaintiff, and 215 in favour of defendant; 271 cases or 29·5 per cent. were disposed of without trial, 108 cases or 11 7 per cent. without contest, and only 42 cases remained pending at the close of the year.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI. Execution of decrees (Small Cause Courts).

31. The number of applications for execution of decrees that were before Small Cause Courts during 1886 aggregated 8,792, being 882 in excess of the figures for 1885 which were 7,910. The following statement shows how such applications were disposed of during the years 1885 and 1886, also the realizations during those years :—

	Cases.		Percentage to total number of cases.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
By transfer	...	...	...	...
Satisfied in full	2,684	3,000	33·93	34·12
" part	1,700	1,889	21 49	21·48
Wholly infructuous	3,050	3,414	38·55	38·83
Pending ...	476	489	6·01	5 56

	1885.	1886	Difference.
	Rs.	Rs	Rs.
Amount realized with issue of process	85,701	92.924	+7,223
" without "	13,986	13 672	—314

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XV. Witness statement (Small Cause Courts)

32. The Small Cause Court Judges at Lucknow City, Lucknow Cantonments, and Fyzabad Cantonments examined 2,437 witnesses during 1886, and only 260 witnesses were detained two days, the remainder being discharged on the day they attended.

RENT COURTS.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII. Suits instituted (Rent Courts)

33. The number of suits filed under the old Oudh Rent Act (XIX. of 1868) rose from 31,856 in 1885 to 33,035 in 1886. The increase was under headings "other suits," +1,035, "for ejectment or recovery of possession" +258, and enhancement or abatement of rent" +19.

Suits for ejectment or recovery of possession (Rent Courts).

34. Regarding the increase in the number of suits for ejectment, &c., the Deputy Commissioner, Gonda, writes :—"This abnormal increase was stimulated by the excitement amongst landlords caused by the knowledge that a new Rent Act was about to come into force."

The increase in the number of suits of this class was confined almost entirely to the Bahraich and Gonda districts.

"Other suits" (Rent Courts.)

35. Under this heading fall suits to contest notices of ejectment, and the increase in this class of suits is of course attributable to the facts noticed in the preceding paragraph.

IMPERIAL RETURN No VIII. Value of suits (Rent Courts).

36. Although during the year under report there was an increase in the number of suits under Rs. 500 in value, yet the value of the *total* number of suits instituted was Rs. 11,12,650, being a decrease of Rs. 1,47,394 as compared with the figures for 1885. The decrease in total value is due to a diminution in the number of suits of the two classes ranging from Rs. 500 up to Rs. 1,000, and from Rs. 1,000 up to Rs. 10,000 in value.

IMPERIAL RETURN. No IX, PART I. Disposal of suits (Rent Courts).

37. The suits that came before the Rent Courts during 1886 for disposal numbered 35,027, being 1,488 more than during 1885. The mode of disposal in both years is shown in the following statement :—

	1885.	1886.	Percentage to total number of suits. 1885.	1886.
Without trial.				
Rejected	338	256	1 0	0·73
Dismissed for default	3,359	3 319	10·0	9·47
Withdrawn	1,157	1,251	3·27	3·57
Without contest.				
Compromised	1.505	1,729	4 48	4·93
Decreed on confession	2,475	2,614	7·37	7·57
" *ex parte*	4,835	5,526	14·41	15 77
Dismissed "	1,161	1,024	2·46	2·92
By arbitration.				
For plaintiff	41	34	0·15	0 12
" defendant	11	11		
With contest.				
For plaintiff	11,486	11 730	34 24	33·48
" defendant	6,149	6 104	18 33	17·42
Pending	1,042	1,397	3·16	3·98

The average duration of rent suits during the year under report was—contested suits 31·11 days, uncontested 26·13 days, as against contested 27 32 days and uncontested 22·90 days in 1885.

With regard to the number of cases dismissed for default and *ex parte* the Deputy Commissioner of Bahraich (Colonel Currie) writes as follows :—

"During the year under report I again examined most of the cases dismissed in "default, and was satisfied with the correctness of the procedure—I myself dismissed "four cases for want of prosecution this year,—and in no case was an application for "re-institution filed. Eighteen hundred and eighty-six cases were disposed of by "all other Courts, and out of these some 11 per cent. were dismissed in default, and "in only 14 cases out of 217 cases so dismissed did the parties apply for the order "to be set aside and the case be re-instituted. This clearly shows that the parties "amicably settled their cases on the receipt of summons. This amicable settlement "of disputes out of Court is, I think, a matter of great satisfaction, for the reasons "given in my last year's report.

On the foregoing remarks the Commissioner of the Division (Mr. A. H. Harington), writes :—" These details are interesting and show that numerous dismissals " for default may occur without implying bad working on the part of the Courts."

The Deputy Commissioner of Rae Bareli (Mr. Chapman) notes :—" In regard " to cases dismissed in default, I find on referring to the files that the parties seldom " moved the Courts for rehearing, and the only conclusion to arrive at is that the " disputes were amicably settled."

The Deputy Commissioner of Fyzabad (Mr. Robinson) writes :—" In case of " tahsildars it has been stated that in spite of the adjournments allowed, parties prefer " settlement of their claims out of Court to the hardship of attending the Courts to " prosecute their suits, petty as they are * * * * The majority of these cases consist " of objection to notices of ejectment, which no sooner do the rains set in than the " tenants amicably settle with their landlords * * * * * * I believe that the utmost " consideration is shown to the parties in cases which are decided by officers on " tour."

The Deputy Commissioner, Sitapur (Mr. Butts), writes :—" No cases have come " before me in which I have observed laxness on the part of the Courts."

It is satisfactory to find that the Deputy Commissioners of Sitapur and Fyzabad have this general good opinion as to the procedure of the Rent Courts subordinate to them. I have, however, requested them to verify their conclusions by an actual examination of the files.

In the Lucknow Division an enquiry has been set on foot as to the causes that led to the dismissal of so many suits for default or *ex parte* in 1886.

I have not yet received a copy of the reports referred to above, but have called for them, as I wish to see whether the general opinion is that the parties themselves and not the courts are responsible for the large proportion of cases dismissed in default or *ex parte*.

In any case it is the obvious duty of Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners to examine some files from time to time, and satisfy themselves of the correctness of the procedure of their subordinates in this matter.

The percentages, as will be seen from the statement at the commencement of this paragraph, are nearly identical in both years, 1885, 1886.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX, PART 2. Miscellaneous cases (Rent Courts).

38. The rent courts had 19,317 miscellaneous cases before them for disposal during the year under report, being 2,580 more than in the preceding year. They were disposed of as follows :—2,031 or 10·51 per cent. were struck off without trial ; 449 or 2·32 per cent. were compromised ; 9,430 or 48·80 per cent. were decided without contest; 6,816 or 35·27 per cent. were decided with contest; 4,585 in favour of plaintiff, and 2,231 in favour of defendant, leaving 591 or 3·05 per cent. pending at the close of the year.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X, PART 1. Appeals (Rent Courts).

39. During the year under report 3,613 appeals came before appellate courts for disposal, being 27 less than in 1885. Of these 3,613 appeals 195 were rejected or dismissed, and 121 were heard *ex parte* ; decrees were confirmed in 1,446 cases, modified in 216 cases, and reversed in 443 cases. Three hundred and twenty cases were remanded to the lower courts, and 888 appeals remained pending at the close of the year.

40. The appellate work done by Commissioners during 1886 was as follows :—

	Appeals disposed of.	*Pending.*	*Average duration.*
Lucknow	424	183	72 days.
Sitapur	158	6	51 "
Fyzabad	301	249	151 "
Rae Bareli	523	49	83 "

The number of appeals disposed of by the Commissioner of Fyzabad is lower than in 1885. No doubt Colonel Forbes's illness was in part the cause of this. The Commissioner of Lucknow, the Hon'ble M. A. McConaghey disposed of 91 more appeals in 1886 than in 1885.

Deputy Commissioners disposed of 1,440 appeals and had 437 pending before them at the close of the year. The average duration was 35·89 days as against 33·65 days in 1885. The following Deputy Commissioners disposed of a large number of appeals :—Deputy Commissioner of Gonda 278 appeals, of Fyzabad 196, of Unao 190, and of Sultanpur 188 appeals.

The Judicial Commissioner disposed of 313 appeals as follows :—82 were rejected or dismissed ; decrees were confirmed in 182 cases, modified in three cases, and reversed in 38 cases ; eight cases were remanded. One hundred and fifty-nine appeals remained pending. The average duration of rent appeals in the Judicial Commissioner's Court in 1886 was 61·4 days as against 222·2 days in 1885.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X, PART 2. Miscellaneous appeals (Rent Courts).

41. Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners had 300 miscellaneous rent appeals before them during 1886 as against 248 in 1885. Of these 300 appeals 14 were rejected or dismissed ; the orders were confirmed in 166 cases, modified in 16, and reversed in 25 cases, 19 cases being remanded ; 60 appeals remained pending. The average duration was 56·93 days.

Out of 36 miscellaneous rent appeals that came before the Judicial Commissioner 10 were rejected or dismissed ; the orders were confirmed in 14 cases, modified in one case, and reversed in two cases, leaving nine appeals pending at the close of the year. The average duration was 78·9 days in 1886 as against 276·8 days in 1885.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI. Execution of decrees (Rent Courts).

42. The Rent Courts had before them during 1886 12,448 applications for execution of decrees as against 12,748 in 1885. The mode of disposal of such applications during 1885 and 1886 was as follows :—

		1885.	1886.	Percentage to total number of applications. 1885.	1886.
By transfer		...	...	...	...
Satisfaction in full		6,025	6,021	47·26	48·36
" in part		1,720	1,694	13·50	13·60
Wholly infructuous		3,916	3,525	30·71	28·39
Pending ...		1,087	1,198	8·52	9·62
In which debtor imprisoned		181	95	1·41	0·76
" arrested		146	155	1·14	1·24
" moveable property sold ...		1,462	1,353	11·42	10·84
" " attached		2,555	3,068	23·09	24·58
" immoveable property sold		224	191	1·75	1·53
" " dealt with under section 305, &c., Civil Procedure Code		13	12	0·10	0·09
In which immoveable property attached ...		252	238	1·96	1·90
" possession given of moveables ...		13	46	0·10	0·36
" " " immoveables ...		224	281	1·75	2·25
" contract was enforced		43	36	0·33	0·28
" execution otherwise effected ...		2,393	2,533	18·70	20·29
Amount realized, With issue of process ...	Rs.	2,43,909	2,45,455	...	...
Amount realized, Without issue of process,	"	29,286	16,262	...	...

The districts in which 50 per cent. and upwards of the decrees were satisfied in full were Partabgarh (55 per cent.), Hardoi (54 per cent.), Rae Bareli (52 per cent.), and Gonda (51 per cent.).

These results are, I think, distinctly satisfactory.

43. During the year under report 15,762 witnesses were examined by the Rent Courts, as against 15,950 in 1885. Out of the 15,762 witnesses examined 15,334 or 97·2 per cent. (the same as in 1885) were detained one day, 341 were detained two days, 85 were detained three days, one for four days and one for five days.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XV. Witnesses examined (Rent Courts).

The results are very good. The Deputy Commissioners of Kheri and Bahraich took the trouble to test the registers by comparing them with the files in many cases, and satisfied themselves of the accuracy of their returns. It is desirable that other Deputy Commissioners should test their witness registers in a similar manner.

44. The number of processes issued during the year under report was 255,737; as against 256,344 in 1885; notwithstanding this slight falling off in the number of processes issued, the receipts rose from Rs. 70,211 in 1885, to Rs. 71,512 in 1886, and the surplus likewise rose from Rs. 18,495 in 1885 to Rs. 21,701 in 1886.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No XVI. Process fee fund (Rent Courts).

45. During 1886 the receipts of the Sale Commission Fund amounted to Rs. 3,361 as against Rs. 3,111 in 1885, and the surplus rose from Rs. 2,489 in 1885 to Rs. 2,945 in 1886—one-fourth of the surplus is payable to názirs as commission.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XVIII. Sale Commission Fund (Rent Courts).

COURT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER.

Revision and reference.

46. Besides the business detailed in foregoing paragraphs, 67 miscellaneous applications and six references for rulings were disposed of.

Miscellaneous work.

47. Twenty-seven applications for leave to appeal to Her Majesty's Privy Council, and eight applications from pleaders for enrolment or promotion, were also dealt with.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

W. YOUNG.

Judicial Commissioner, Oudh.

APPENDICES.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII.—(CIVIL AND RENT).

Showing the number and description of Civil and Rent suits instituted in the Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1886.

Class of tribunal.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits under the rent law.								Title and other suits.																		
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and material.	Rent not falling under the rent law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or moveables not already mentioned.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts or on account of illegal restraint or other causes.	For pattahs or kabuliats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the rent law not included in above.	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decree.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligation on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion or caste.	Administration suits.	Inter-pleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under section 261, Act X. of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	GRAND TOTAL.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Civil Courts.																																					
Unpaid tribunals	790	867	299	70	206	29	10	376	115	216	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	7	5	3	1	...	...	...	1	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	3,104
Paid sub-divisional tribunals ...	10,827	5,817	1,938	577	1,707	411	536	1,801	1,568	1,076	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,748	252	139	841	82	19	...	110	10	350	64	...	3	...	...	12	2	422	34,312
Small Cause Courts ...	5,454	3,676	2,497	615	2,319	501	787	629	720	883	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18,081
District Courts	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	3	1	5	4	...	...	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	71
Total ...	17,087	10,360	4,734	1,262	4,232	941	1,333	2,807	2,403	2,177	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	5,821	262	145	849	87	19	..	110	12	387	66	..	3	...	...	12	2	457	55,568
Revenue (Rent) Courts.																																					
Unpaid local tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	133	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144
Other subordinate courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,947	105	386	258	12	1,109	35	15,006	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32,858
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	33
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,084	105	386	258	12	1,109	35	15,046	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33,035
Courts at the seat of Government,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	17,087	10,360	4,734	1,262	4,232	941	1,333	2,807	2,403	2,177	16,084	105	386	258	12	1,109	35	15,046	5,821	262	145	849	87	19	...	110	12	387	66	...	3	...	...	12	2	457	88,603

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VIII—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing the number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1886.

Class of court.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Civil Courts.										Rs a. p.	
Unpaid tribunals	1,259	1,428	326	54	...	...	...	...	35	71,783 6 6	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	8,897	14 385	5,135	3,982	602	405	56	...	529	34,12 209 2 10	
Small Cause Courts	7,626	8,5 7	1,009	879	...	...	...	...	2	4 90 269 15 8	
District Courts	...	2	...	...	1	...	1	53	14	28,37,075 0 8	
Total ...	17,782	24,352	6,470	4,915	603	405	57	53	580	68,11 342 9 8	
Revenue (Rent) Courts.											
Unpaid local tribunals	66	63	9	6	...	...	...	...	...	3,542 9 2	
Other subordinate Courts	15,628	13,055	2,648	1,302	155	43	...	...	20	9,45,210 8 7	
District Courts	14	15	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	16,502 13 6	
Total ...	15,708	13,133	2,658	1,308	155	43	3	...	20	9,65,255 15 3	
Grand Total ...	33,490	37,485	9,128	6,223	758	448	60	53	600	77,76,598 8 11	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue (Rent) cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh in the year 1886.

PART I.—Civil and Rent Suits.

Class of court.	Total number of suits before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to courts in other provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.			Contested.	Uncontested.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
I.—*Civil Courts.*																
Unpaid tribunals	3,493	...	845	370	584	397	112	26	17	544	238	360	6	62 56	38 71	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	31,110	...	6,424	3,779	2,907	2,831	505	167	80	6 897	3,896	3,624	120	67·06	29·20	
Small Cause Courts	19,197	1	3,315	2,539	3,172	2,823	312	101	22	4,130	1 976	806	11	30·54	28 14	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts.	8,694	...	1,268	890	665	576	118	83	23	2,215	1,033	1,823	116	98·64	29·16	
Chief Courts of districts	113	...	3	13	2	1	...	...	...	23	30	41	23	200·69	88 57	
Total ...	62,607	1	11,855	7,591	7,330	6,628	1,047	377	142	13,809	7,173	6,654	276	61·51	29·49	
II.—*Revenue (Rent) Courts.*																
Unpaid local tribunals	167	...	35	5	27	30	7	...	...	33	28	2	...	33·63	17·10	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	10,146	2	1,589	497	1.586	2 372	135	18	4	2,889	804	250	4	21·23	26·74	
Other Subordinate Courts	24,673	...	3,194	1,225	1,028	3,124	872	16	7	8,805	5,259	1,143	3	33·67	29 73	
District Courts	41	...	8	2	3	...	10	...	...	3	13	2	2	57·50	33·21	
Total ...	35,027	2	4,826	1,729	2,644	5,526	1,024	34	11	11,730	6,104	1,397	9	31·11	26·13	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total ...	97,634	3	16,681	9,320	9,974	12,154	2,071	411	153	25,539	13,277	8,051	285	60 37	37 62	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue (Rent) cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh in the year 1886.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Cases.

Class of court.	Total for disposal.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	Pending more than three months.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to other courts.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.			Contested.	Uncontested.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
I.—Civil Courts.																
Unpaid tribunals	297	...	67	17	15	14	9	...	...	98	46	31	1	46·41	53·52	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	3,884	...	841	183	184	174	112	...	...	1 288	842	270	38	30·20	24 12	
Small Cause Courts	921	...	271	38	4	18	48	...	...	285	215	42	2	17·12	16·78	
District Courts other than Chief Courts	1,877	...	292	108	17	82	43	...	...	707	477	151	18	35·60	27·48	
Chief Courts of districts	615	...	134	14	2	40	5	1	...	198	123	98	44	62·11	43 51	
Total ...	7,594	...	1,595	360	222	328	217	1	...	2,576	1,703	592	103	47·13	25·74	
II.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																
Unpaid local tribunals	13	...	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	2	5	...	...	34·56	14·66	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	9,369	...	632	189	34	7.027	86	...	...	1,618	188	95	...	14·18	19·63	
Other subordinate Courts	9,397	...	1,394	260	376	1,681	216	...	...	2,948	2,028	494	28	30·00	22·03	
District Courts	38	...	2	...	7	...	...	...	...	17	10	2	...	43·40	10 66	
Total ...	19,317	...	2 031	449	418	8,708	304	...	...	4,585	2,231	591	28	25·91	20·58	
Grand Total ...	26,911	...	3,626	809	640	9,036	521	1	...	7,161	3,934	1,183	131	34·09	21·67	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Appellate Courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1886.

Part I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Class of court.	Total number of appeals before the courts.	Transferred to courts in other provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	*Heard ex parte.* Confirmed.	*Heard ex parte.* Modified.	*Heard ex parte.* Reversed.	*Heard ex parte.* Remanded.	*Contested.* Confirmed.	*Contested.* Modified.	*Contested.* Reversed.	*Contested.* Remanded.	Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV. of 1882.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Courts in the interior. Appeals from original decrees																	
A.—Civil Courts.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of districts	856	...	10	31	7	3	3	3	494	74	79	66	86	2	45 65	20	
Chief Appellate Courts of districts	3,366	...	145	74	8	...	2	1	1,497	201	470	169	799	332	64·74	61	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of provinces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	4,222	...	155	105	15	3	5	4	1,991	275	549	235	885	334	60·27	81	
B.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	1,877	...	9	59	15	1	2	29	798	177	204	146	437	7	35·89	9	
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	1,736	...	17	110	33	2	9	10	648	39	239	178	451	371	93 98	16	
Total	3,613	...	26	169	48	3	11	39	1,446	216	443	324	888	378	63·21	25	
Courts at the Presidency or seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from original decrees ... ... — Civil ...	88	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	33	8	11	2	32	17	143·5	6	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from original decrees ... ... — Rent ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from appellate decrees ... ... — Civil ...	478	...	60	8*	1	...	...	...	147	11	65	1	185	115	85 3	8	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from appellate decrees ... ... — Rent ...	472	...	78	4	2	...	1	...	180	3	37	8	159	86	61·4	2	
Total	1,038	...	139	13	3	...	1	...	360	22	113	11	376	218	79·	16	
Grand Total	8,873	...	320	287	66	6	17	43	3,797	513	1,105	570	2,149	930	63·37	122	

*1 withdrawn; 2 compromised.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X.—(CIVIL AND RENT).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Appellate Courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1886.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Class of court.	Total number of appeals before the courts.	Transferred to courts in other provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	*Heard* ex parte.				*Contested.*				Pending.	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV. of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Courts in the interior. Appeals from original decrees.																	
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of districts	22	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	10	...	1	4	1	...	26 66	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts and Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	274	...	87	6	2	...	9	1	66	7	45	21	30	9	36 87	3	
Total	296	...	91	8	2	...	9	1	76	7	46	25	31	9	36·07	3	
B.—REVENUE (RENT) COURTS.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	136	...	2	5	...	...	...	1	74	1	17	12	24	...	23·78	...	
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	164	...	2	5	12	...	...	...	80	15	8	6	36	11	85·94	...	
Total	300	...	4	10	12	...	...	1	154	16	25	18	60	11	56·93	...	
COURTS OF THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from original decrees. Civil ...	54	...	7	4*	1	2	...	...	13	...	2	...	25	12	59 2	...	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from original decrees. Rent ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	99·	...	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from Appellate decrees. Civil ...	37	...	7	2	...	...	...	...	7	...	4	1	16	10	60·1	...	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from Appellate decrees. Rent ...	35	...	9	1	...	...	...	...	13	1	2	...	9	4	78·9	...	
Applications for revisions under section 622, Act XIV., 1882	175	...	74	1	1	...	...	2	42	1	9	1	44	29	41·8	...	
Total	302	...	97	8	2	2	...	2	76	2	17	2	94	55	51·01	...	
GRAND TOTAL	898	...	192	26	16	2	9	4	306	25	88	45	185	75	47·44	3	

*2 compromised.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI.—(CIVIL AND RENT).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on application for the execution of the Decrees of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1886.

Class of court.	Total number of applications for the execution of decree before the court.	Applications disposed of.				Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized.		Number of applications.												Remarks.
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which movable property: Was sold.	On which movable property: Was attached but subsequently released.	On which immovable property: Was sold.	On which immovable property: Was dealt with under section 305, 322, or 326, Act XIV. of 1882.	On which immovable property: Was attached but subsequently released under section 275.	On which possession was given: Of movables.	On which possession was given: Of immovables.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.													
I.—Civil Courts.																						
Unpaid tribunals ...	1,159	...	419	174	448	118	21	12,543 13 8	711 6 3	1	11	139	335	19	...	13	5	8	3	3	70	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals,	16,645	...	6,544	2,023	6,029	2,049	635	2 15,808 7 0	13,656 14 1	92	126	1,152	2,714	301	13	356	23	1,709	51	15	2,882	
Small Cause Courts ...	8,792	...	3,000	1,889	3 414	489	6	92,924 2 8	13,672 0 5	168	147	382	1,277	1	...	3	1	...	16	...	2 974	
District Courts ...	6,405	..	2,200	951	2,143	1,111	414	4,08,144 7 5	26,228 10 5	67	50	399	978	211	30	253	8	643	5	5	998	
Chief Courts of districts ...	460	...	106	91	109	154	104	4,08 223 4 6	16,812 10 2	...	1	19	21	5	3	5	...	24	6	2	114	
Total ...	33,461	...	12,269	5,128	12,143	3,921	1,180	11,37,644 3 3	71,081 9 4	328	335	2,091	5,325	537	46	630	37	2,384	81	25	7,038	
II.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																						
Unpaid local tribunals ...	47	...	21	11	7	8	4	1,590 11 5	...	...	1	10	13	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	15	
Other sub-Courts ...	4,466	...	2,317	525	1.347	277	44	41,422 10 7	3,021 8 6	26	63	412	1,229	45	4	64	5	16	33	9	1,063	
District Courts ...	7,929	...	3,682	1,157	2,178	912	210	2,02,317 11 6	13,230 10 6	69	91	930	1,826	146	8	173	41	265	3	...	1,446	
Chief Courts of districts ...	6	...	1	1	3	1	...	124 3 6	9 13 0	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	12,448	...	6,021	1,694	3,535	1,198	258	2,45,455 5 0	16,262 0 0	95	155	1,353	3,068	191	12	238	46	281	36	9	2,524	
GRAND TOTAL ...	45,909	...	18,290	6,822	15,678	5,119	1,438	13,83,099 8 3	87,343 9 4	423	490	3,444	8,396	728	58	868	83	2,665	117	34	9,562	

IMPERIAL RETURN—No. XII (CIVIL).

Proceedings in insolvency under Chapter XX., Act XIV. of 1882, in the Districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1886, showing the number and result of applications under section 344, and the number of insolvents before the Courts.

Class of court.	Application for declaration of insolvency.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under section 355.	Number of insolvents' estates in hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of creditors' claim dealt with during the year.		Gross amount of insolvents' assets realized and disbursed.		Remarks.
	Total number of applications.	Transferred to another province.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year.			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under section 359 not be ug taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Chief Courts of districts ...	42	4	2	8	20	...	...	8	2	1	...	...	...	...	

A.—Showing original suits instituted, disposed of and pending in Civil Courts in the Province of Oudh in 1886 *as compared with the figures for* 1885.

District.	Court.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Remarks.
		1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Lucknow ...	Regular ...	2,030	2,206	2,028	2,107	248	391	The entries in col. 4 show fresh institutions only and do not include cases received by transfer or on remand, review or revival during the year.
	Small Cause Court ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
Unao ...	Regular ...	2,386	1,972	2,303	2,008	310	305	
	Small Cause Court ...	2,086	2,697	2,097	2,697	66	84	
Bara Banki ...	Regular ...	1,887	2,431	2,191	2,450	137	189	
	Small Cause Court ...	514	401	528	399	11	14	
Sitapur ...	Regular ...	4,421	4,762	4,581	4,642	293	570	
	Small Cause Court ...	229	117	230	116	8	15	
Hardoi ...	Regular ...	2,481	2,730	2,534	2,763	265	292	
	Small Cause Court ...	1,025	937	1,002	958	67	57	
Kheri ...	Regular ...	2 916	3,062	2,871	3,136	351	395	
	Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fyzabad ...	Regular ...	2,614	2,473	3,046	2,479	317	401	
	Small Cause Court ...	2,031	2,002	1,988	2,097	130	66	
Bahraich ...	Regular ...	3,623	4,068	3,610	3,837	620	926	
	Small Cause Court ...	2,508	1,750	2,540	1,849	91	...	
Gonda ...	Regular ...	4,195	4,385	4,146	4,484	823	843	
	Small Cause Court ...	1,655	3,066	985	3,517	734	349	
Rae Bareli ...	Regular ...	2,743	3,035	2,855	2,927	262	450	
	Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	
Sultanpur ...	Regular ...	2,835	3,109	2,761	3,250	552	489	
	Small Cause Court ...	706	829	714	826	40	51	
Partabgarh ...	Regular ...	3,177	3,621	3,351	3,479	378	597	
	Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total ...	46,012	49,648	46,356	50,021	5,703	6,484	

B.—Showing the work done by District Judges in 1886 *in the Province of Oudh.*

District.	Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.		Appeals.		Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.	Criminal applications for revision.	Remarks.
		Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.				
Lucknow ...	27	213	175	484	36	—	...	...	
Sitapur ...	18	32	133	558	52	...	...	...	
Fyzabad ...	13	33	90	786	143	...	...	...	
Rae Bareli ...	14	34	119	739	13	...	...	...	
Total ...	72	312	517	2,567	244	...	...	...	

C.—*Showing the work done by Subordinate Judges in 1886 in the Districts of the Province of Oudh.*

District.	Jurisdiction.	Suits.				Miscellaneous cases.		Appeals.	
		Withdrawn, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Application for execution of decree.	Judicial.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lucknow ...	Regular	85	31	136	252	574	165	181	4
	Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unao ...	Regular	77	13	170	260	203	122	128	2
	Small Cause Court	232	43	105	380	130	...	...	...
Bara Banki ...	Regular	37	10	180	227	390	129	82	...
	Small Cause Court	206	50	143	399	138	...	...	...
Sitapur ...	Regular	402	84	335	821	395	164	...	...
	Small Cause Court	52	23	41	116	99	14	...	...
Hardoi ...	Regular	170	27	194	391	443	132	...	...
	Small Cause Court	611	105	242	958	294	59	...	...
Kheri ...	Regular	706	105	328	1,139	526	144	...	...
	Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fyzabad ...	Regular	159	13	291	463	508	149	100	11
	Small Cause Court	646	160	460	1,266	642	91	...	...
Bahraich ...	Regular	339	66	187	592	426	129	...	...
	Small Cause Court	888	163	798	1,849	802	181	...	...
Gonda ...	Regular	53	4	166	223	237	84	279	4
	Small Cause Court	638	136	258	1,032	83	22	...	...
Rae Bareli ...	Regular	162	52	336	550	472	137	...	...
	Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sultanpur ...	Regular	143	22	355	520	344	147	...	...
	Small Cause Court	396	105	325	826	319	22	...	...
Partabgarh ...	Regular	714	149	570	1,433	912	224	...	...
	Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	6,716	1,361	5,620	13,697	7,937	2,115	770	21

D.—Showing the work done by Munsifs in 1886 *in the districts of the Province of Oudh.*

District.	Munsifi.	Jurisdiction.	Suits. Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Suits. Decided *ex parte*.	Suits. Contested.	Suits. Total.	Miscellaneous. Application for execution of decrees.	Miscellaneous. Judicial.
Lucknow ...	Munsifi North ...	Regular ...	398	67	339	804	646	98
	Munsifi South ...	Ditto ...	399	116	486	1,001	892	187
		Total ...	797	183	825	1,805	1,538	285
Unao ...	Purwa ...	Regular ...	186	38	256	480	397	69
		Small Cause Court	378	80	235	693	211	23
	Safipur ...	Regular ...	244	14	360	618	485	104
		Small Cause Court	339	30	517	886	263	46
	Unao ...	Regular ...	283	49	271	603	475	186
		Small Cause Court	490	74	174	738	97	...
		Total ...	1,920	285	1,813	4,018	1,928	428
Bara Banki ...	Ramsanchighat ...	Regular ...	714	80	387	1,181	507	81
	Fatehpur ...	Ditto ...	404	79	396	879	493	138
		Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	1,118	159	783	2,060	1,000	219
Sitapur ...	Sitapur ...	Regular ...	814	92	565	1,471	590	155
	Biswan ...	Ditto ...	1,065	281	624	1,970	757	194
		Total ...	1,879	373	1,189	3,441	1,347	349
Hardoi ...	Bilgram ...	Regular ...	352	73	275	700	561	150
	Shahabad ...	Ditto ...	434	117	290	841	521	231
		Total ...	786	190	565	1,541	1,082	381
Kheri ...	Muhamdi ...	Regular ...	772	97	344	1,213	471	172
Fyzabad ...	Fyzabad ...	Ditto ...	712	48	728	1,488	862	161
		Small Cause Court	90	15	92	197	83	23
	Akbarpur ...	Regular ...	176	37	302	515	472	65
		Small Cause Court	319	89	226	634	189	18
		Total ...	1,297	189	1,348	2,834	1,606	267
Bahraich ...	Kaisarganj ...	Regular ...	1,591	308	679	2,575	913	263
Gonda ...	Gonda ...	Ditto ...	754	200	623	1,577	958	225
		Small Cause Court	1,340	382	762	2,485	520	165
	Utraula ...	Regular ...	743	186	665	1,594	525	147
	Tarabganj ...	Ditto ...	1,591	308	676	2,575	526	115
		Total ...	4,428	1,077	2,726	8,231	2,529	652
Rae Bareli ...	Rae Bareli ...	Regular ...	485	149	373	1,007	558	148
	Dalmau ...	Ditto ...	623	168	364	1,155	745	170
		Total ...	1,108	317	737	2,162	1,303	318
Sultanpur ...	Sultanpur ...	Regular ...	748	120	696	1,564	778	182
	Musafirkhana ...	Ditto ...	478	91	597	1,166	536	121
		Total ...	1,226	211	1,293	2,730	1,314	303
Partabgarh ...	Partabgarh ...	Regular ...	561	170	330	1,061	561	119
	Kunda ...	Ditto ...	437	132	364	933	614	133
		Total ...	998	302	694	1,994	1,175	252
		GRAND TOTAL ...	17,920	3,691	12,993	34,604	16,206	3,889

E.—Showing the work done by Court of Small Causes in 1886 *in the districts of the Province of Oudh.*

District.	Court.	Jurisdiction.	Suits. Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Suits. Decided *ex parte*.	Suits. Contested.	Suits. Total.	Miscellaneous cases. Application for execution of decrees.	Miscellaneous cases. Judicial.	Appeals. Regular.	Appeals. Miscellaneous.
Lucknow City Small Cause Court	City Small Cause Court,	S. C.	2,576	1,321	1,597	5,494	4,802	204	...	...
Lucknow ...	Lucknow Cantonment...	S. C. & C. M.	209	41	100	350	210	4	...	...
Fyzabad ...	Fyzabad Cantonment ...	S. C. & C. M.	51	5	31	87	23	7	...	...
	Total ...		2,836	1,367	1,728	5,931	5,035	215	...	...

G.—Statement showing the Court-fees (other than process-fees) realized in the Civil Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1886.

District.	*Ad valorem fees.*			*Fixed fees.*		Gross fees realized.	Refunds under sections 10, 13, 14 and 15, Act VII. of 1870, and under Notification No. 2763, dated 30th April, 1876, and under Rule 58, or C. O. No. 12 of 1882.	Net fees realized.	Remarks.
	On plaints, memoranda of appeals and applications for review of judgment.	On copies and translations.	On certificates, probates and letters of administration.	On plaints and memoranda of appeals.	On other documents.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Lucknow	67,635 15 0	629 6 0	5,680 0 0	1,534 2 0	6,099 12 0	81,579 3 0	268 10 0	81,310 9 0	
Unao	27,267 10 3	960 6 0	278 0 0	575 0 0	3,757 12 0	32,838 12 3	73 2 0	32,765 10 3	
Bara Banki	22,979 11 0	988 3 0	142 0 0	365 0 0	1,082 5 0	25,557 3 0	43 2 0	25,514 1 0	
Sitapur	35,360 0 0	955 2 0	1,068 0 0	380 0 0	3,391 9 0	41,154 11 0	1,094 0 0	40,060 11 0	
Hardoi	20,975 4 0	860 9 0	...	130 0 0	2,629 15 0	24,595 12 0	...	24,595 12 0	
Kheri	12,511 14 0	148 15 0	...	105 0 0	1,815 8 0	14,581 5 0	...	14,581 5 0	
Fyzabad	43,697 1 0	2,197 10 0	244 0 0	1,010 0 0	4,965 10 0	52,114 5 0	863 4 0	51,251 1 0	
Bahraich	18,171 3 0	618 6 0	...	462 8 0	878 11 0	20,130 12 0	...	20,130 12 0	
Gonda	30,255 0 0	1,709 8 0	...	1,510 0 0	2,094 2 0	35,568 10 0	30 6 0	35,538 4 0	
Rae Bareli	38,056 13 0	2,093 6 0	1,045 0 0	690 0 0	3,855 8 0	45,740 11 0	361 10 0	45,379 1 0	
Sultanpur	18,285 5 0	493 6 0	...	546 8 0	2,407 12 0	21,732 15 0	...	21,732 15 0	
Partabgarh	19,051 7 0	832 1 0	...	150 0 0	2,602 14 0	22,696 6 0	...	22,696 6 0	
Total ...	3,54,247 3 3	12,546 14 0	8,457 0 0	7,458 2 0	35 581 6 0	4,18,290 9 3	2,734 2 0	4,15,556 7 3	
High Court of the Province of Oudh.	34,811 15 0	210 0 0	...	5,841 0 0	...	40,862 15 0	...	40,862 15 0	
GRAND TOTAL ...	3,89,059 2 3	12,756 14 0	8,457 0 0	13,299 2 0	35,581 6 0	4,59,153 8 3	2,734 2 0	4,56,419 6 3	

II.—*Statement showing the Income and Expenditure of the Civil Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1886.*

District	Income.								Expenditure.								
	Net value of stamps exclusive of those used to denote process fees.	Duty and penalties on instruments not duly stamped.	Fines.	Fees for employment of amins.	Process fees. Other fees.	Judicial record fund.	Sale proceeds of unclaimed property of intestates (Regulation 6 of 1790).	Total.	Salaries of officers presiding over Civil Courts and of their establishments, the full salaries of the Judges and establishment of High Court and half salaries of District and Sessions Judges and their subordinates who are employed on criminal as well as the civil side being entered.	Process serving establishment. (a) Central nazir, nazirs, bailiffs and nazarat office chaprassis.	Process serving establishment. (b) Process serving peons.	Amin establishment.	Judicial record fund.	Total.	Surplus.	Deficit.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12	13	14	15	16
	Rs. a. p	Rs a p.	Rs a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p	Rs. a p	Rs. a p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a p.
Lucknow ...	81 310 9 0	462 6 0	20 0 0	.	12,981 9 0	6,846 1 6	...	1,01,620 9 6	63,000 3 9	3,611 14 3	6 940 2 4	..	3,218 13 11	76,771 2 3	24 819 7 3	...
Unao ...	32,765 10 3	276 6 0	11 8 0	...	7,790 14 0	3,395 14 0	...	44,240 4 3	21,071 14 0	1,124 0 0	4,332 13 4	..	1,311 12 9	27,840 8 1	16 399 12 2	...
Bara Banki...	25,514 1 0	358 6 0	26 15 0	.	5 918 14 0	2,596 0 0	..	34,414 4 0	15,666 0 8	900 0 0	3,054 12 8	...	1,182 11 10	20,803 9 2	13,610 10 10	...
Sitapur ...	40,060 11 0	93 0 0	10 4 0	...	6,676 13 0	2,923 0 0	...	49,763 12 0	35 726 11 4	1 200 0 0	3,683 12 2	...	1,453 5 1	42,063 12 7	7,699 15 5	...
Hardoi ...	24 595 12 0	138 8 0	18 7 0	...	7,501 0 0	2 599 2 6	...	34,852 13 6	20,734 0 0	1,020 0 0	3,787 14 6	...	1,182 3 6	26,724 2 0	8,128 11 6	...
Kheri ...	14 581 5 0	48 10 0	6 8 0	..	3 699 0 0	950 2 0	..	19,285 9 0	13,404 9 6	780 0 0	2,189 0 0	...	616 2 9	16 989 12 3	2,295 12 9	...
Fyzabad ...	51,251 1 0	1,137 12 0	...	...	7,782 12 0	6,226 8 3	..	66,398 1 3	44,022 6 7	1,074 13 5	4 056 12 10	..	2,738 2 6	51,892 3 4	14,505 13 11	...
Bahraich ...	20,130 12 0	59 0 0	5 0 0	...	6,535 8 0	885 2 0	.	27,615 6 0	13 787 8 0	780 0 0	2,820 7 11		458 0 4	17,846 0 3	9,769 5 9	...
Gonda ..	35,538 4 0	207 10 0	42 10 0	.	8,797 8 0	2,536 10 0	...	47,122 10 0	23,233 7 2	1,380 0 0	4,898 1 4	...	1,129 10 0	30,641 2 6	16,481 7 6	...
Rae Bareli ...	45 379 1 0	251 15 0	2 0 0	...	6,617 10 0	3,344 12 0	...	55,595 6 0	35,312 5 9	1,078 0 0	2,936 6 2	.	1,641 11 4	40,968 7 3	14,626 14 9	...
Sultanpur .	21,732 15 0	478 2 0	11 0 0	...	6,296 12 0	2,082 6 0	...	30,601 3 0	15,965 13 8	900 0 0	2,729 7 3	...	1 031 6 8	20,626 11 7	9 974 7 5	...
Partabgarh...	22,696 6 6	205 12 0	37 0 6	...	7,090 3 0	1,463 6 0	...	31,492 11 6	19,836 12 8	900 0 0	2,710 0 5	..	799 12 0	24,246 9 1	7,246 2 5	...
Total ...	4,15,556 7 3	3,717 7 0	191 4 6	...	87,683 7 0	35,349 0 3	...	5,43,002 10 0	3,21 761 13 1	14,748 11 8	44,139 10 11	...	16,763 12 8	3 97,414 0 4	1,45,588 9 8	...
High Court of Province of Oudh.	40,862 15 0	...	...	...	1,732 4 0	175 13 0	...	42,771 0 0	63,730 0 0	240 0 0	...	...	1,577 0 0	65,547 0 0	...	22,776 0 0
Grand Total	4,56,419 6 3	3,717 7 0	191 4 6	...	89,420 11 0	36 024 13 3	...	5,85,773 10 0	3,85,491 13 1	14,988 11 8	44 139 10 11	...	18,340 12 8	4,62,961 0 4	1,45,588 9 8	22,776 0 0

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT—No. XV. (Civil and Rent).

Showing the detention of witnesses before Civil and Rent Courts in suits, miscellaneous cases, and in cases of execution of decree in the Courts of the Districts of the Province of Oudh for the year 1886.

Courts.	Discharged after being in attendance—										
	1 day.	2 days.	3 days.	4 days.	5 days.	6 days.	7 days.	8 days.	9 days.	16 to 23 days.	Total.
Civil Courts.											
Lucknow	20,492	482	46	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,027
Sitapur	9,767	184	47	8	12	5	...	...	...	...	10,023
Fyzabad	15,736	306	51	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	16,102
Rae Bareli	14,505	303	46	7	7	...	1	3	...	...	14,872
Total ...	60,500	1,275	190	30	20	5	1	3	...	...	62,024
Small Cause Courts.											
Lucknow City Small Cause Court ...	2,110	120	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,230
Lucknow Cantonment ditto ...	180	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	180
Fyzabad ditto ditto ...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Total ...	2,317	120	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,437
Rent Courts.											
Lucknow	606	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	606
Unao	1,965	12	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1,979
Bara Banki	1,192	8	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,203
Sitapur	516	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	526
Hardoi	1,511	43	31	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1,586
Kheri	527	31	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	562
Fyzabad	1,741	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,787
Bahraich	747	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	761
Gonda	1,567	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,610
Rae Bareli	1,403	127	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,576
Sultanpur	1,563	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,564
Partabgarh	1,996	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,002
Total ...	15,334	341	85	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	15,762

PROVINCIAL RETURN—No. XVI.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the Receipts and Disbursements on account of processes in the Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1886.

Districts.	Number of servers employed.	Aggregate number of processes served.	Average number per server.	Receipts. Balance from last year.	Receipts. Value of fees received within the year.	Receipts. Remittances from other provinces.	Receipts. Total.	Disbursements. Pay of supervising establishment including nazarat and bailiff.	Disbursements. Pay of peons.	Disbursements. Pension fund 12 per cent.	Disbursements. Contingencies and refunds.	Disbursements. Total.	Surplus or deficit.	Remarks.
					Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Civil.														
District Judge, Lucknow	157	62,105	395	...	20,886 11 0	2 6 0	20,889 1 0	3,808 10 2	11,046 1 8	1,782 8 11	458 8 3	17,095 13 0	+3,793 4 0	
Ditto, Sitapur	135	51,306	380	...	17,858 7 6	18 6 0	17,876 13 6	3,000 0 0	9,660 10 8	1,158 13 11	85 0 0	13,904 8 7	+3,972 4 11	
Ditto, Fyzabad	144	68,737	477	...	23,067 4 0	7 8 0	23,074 12 0	3,226 7 2	10,441 6 6	1,640 2 3	671 6 0	15,979 5 11	+7,095 6 1	
Ditto, Rae Bareli	119	54,231	455	...	19,209 6 0	1 0 0	19,210 6 0	2,874 0 0	8,379 7 7	1,350 7 7	270 3 0	12,874 2 2	+6,336 3 10	
Total ...	555	2,36,379	425	...	81,021 12 6	29 4 0	81,051 0 6	12 909 1 4	39,527 10 5	5,932 0 8	1,485 1 3	59,853 13 8	+21,197 2 10	
Small Cause Court, City Lucknow ...	44	19,867	451	...	5,505 2 0	2 0 0	5,507 2 0	1 260 0 0	3,149 10 9	529 14 6	41 0 0	4,980 8 8	+526 9 4	
Ditto, Cantonment, Lucknow ...	2	1,100	550	...	295 2 0	...	295 2 0	144 0 0	132 0 0	33 1 8	...	309 1 8	—13 15 8	
Ditto, ditto Fyzabad ...	1	242	242	...	41 0 0	...	41 0 0	...	72 0 0	8 10 3	1 3 6	81 13 9	—40 13 9	
Total ...	47	21,209	451	...	5,841 4 0	2 0 0	5,843 4 0	1,404 0 0	3,353 10 8	571 9 11	42 3 6	5,371 8 1	+471 11 11	
Rent.														
Deputy Commissioner, Lucknow ...	26	18 218	700	...	7,863 8 0	...	7,863 8 0	1 667 4 2	1,798 1 4	415 13 6	260 13 6	4,142 0 6	+3,721 7 6	
Ditto, Unao	37	36,361	982	...	9,410 8 0	...	9 410 8 0	1,410 10 10	2,739 14 7	497 15 0	13 13 6	4,662 5 11	+4,748 2 1	
Ditto, Bara Banki ...	34	23,337	686	...	6,188 1 0	...	6,188 1 0	1,166 0 0	2,366 12 11	423 14 0	66 0 0	4,022 10 11	+2,165 6 1	
Ditto, Sitapur ...	13	8,411	647	...	3 001 14 0	...	3,001 14 0	1,356 0 0	967 9 0	278 13 3	25 0 0	2,627 6 3	+374 7 9	
Ditto, Hardoi ...	38	21,200	531	...	5 665 11 0	...	5,665 11 0	1,416 0 0	2,470 2 3	466 3 10	...	4 352 6 1	+1,313 4 11	
Ditto, Kheri	12	5,779	481	...	2,248 15 0	...	2,248 15 0	480 0 0	839 4 6	153 5 0	40 8 0	1,518 1 6	+730 13 6	
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	56	34 271	612	...	8,215 10 0	...	8,215 10 0	1,596 0 0	3,907 7 5	468 14 4	17 9 0	5,989 14 9	+2,225 11 3	
Ditto, Bahraich ...	18	9,342	550	...	3,043 7 0	...	3,043 7 0	1,032 0 0	1,192 8 8	266 14 1	...	2,491 6 9	+552 0 3	
Ditto, Gonda	50	26,332	526	...	6,843 2 0	...	6,843 2 0	852 0 0	3,473 9 1	519 0 8	5 0 0	4,849 9 9	+1,993 8 3	
Ditto, Rae Bareli ...	29	14,925	514	...	4,587 15 0	3 0 0	4,590 15 0	1,476 0 0	2,116 8 9	431 1 8	11 3 6	4,034 13 11	+556 1 1	
Ditto, Sultanpur ...	64	34,604	540	...	8,553 4 0	3 14 0	8 557 2 0	1,296 0 0	4,535 0 4	699 11 6	170 13 3	6,701 9 1	+1,855 8 11	
Ditto, Partabgarh ...	42	22,957	546	...	5,873 7 0	10 0 0	5,883 7 0	1,032 0 0	2,859 10 11	466 15 11	60 0 0	4,418 10 10	+1,464 12 2	
Total ...	419	2,55,737	610	...	71,495 6 0	16 14 0	71,512 4 0	14,779 15 0	29,266 9 9	5,093 10 9	670 12 9	49,811 0 3	+21,701 3 9	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XVIII.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing Receipts and Disbursements on account of Sale Commission Fund in the districts of the Province of Oudh.

	Receipts.	Disbursements.			Balance.	Payable to Nazirs, &c., under para. 15, Circular No. 24 of 1872.	Remarks.
	Value of fees received within the year.	Pay of peons.	Contingencies.	Total.			
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Civil.							
Lucknow	2,488 12 7	495 3 1	...	495 3 1	1,993 9 6	498 6 3	
Sitapur	1,557 5 0	502 4 10	...	502 4 10	1,055 0 2	263 12 4	
Fyzabad	1,985 4 7	427 13 2	0 12 0	428 9 2	1,556 11 5	389 2 10	
Rae Bareli	885 9 0	441 13 0	...	441 13 0	443 12 0	110 15 0	
Total	6,916 15 2	1,867 2 0	0 12 0	1,867 14 0	5,049 1 1	1,262 4 5	
Small Cause Courts.							
Lucknow City Small Cause Court	189 9 3	144 0 0	...	144 0 0	45 9 3	11 6 3	
Ditto Cantonment ditto	4 0 10	...	...	...	4 0 10	1 0 2	
Fyzabad ditto ditto	1 0 0	...	...	...	1 0 0	0 4 0	
Total	194 10 1	144 0 0	...	144 0 0	50 10 1	12 10 5	
Rent.							
Lucknow	190 14 0	...	...	...	190 14 0	47 11 6	
Unao	315 6 1	...	...	...	315 6 1	78 13 5	
Bara Banki	79 5 0	...	...	...	79 5 0	19 13 3	
Sitapur	132 1 3	72 0 0	...	72 0 0	60 1 3	15 0 4	
Hardoi	252 13 1	...	...	...	252 13 1	63 3 3	
Kheri	90 8 0	...	...	...	90 8 0	22 10 0	
Fyzabad	673 3 6	288 0 0	...	288 0 0	385 3 6	96 4 10	
Bahraich	374 13 6	...	...	...	374 13 6	93 11 4	
Gonda	453 7 4	...	...	...	453 7 4	113 5 10	
Rae Bareli	306 13 7	...	...	...	306 13 7	76 11 4	
Sultanpur	369 14 3	180 0 0	...	180 0 0	189 14 3	47 7 6	
Partabgarh	122 1 3	72 0 0	4 9 0	76 9 0	45 8 3	11 6 0	
Total	3,361 4 10	612 0 0	4 9 0	616 9 0	2,944 11 10	686 2 7	